

## the passive voice

1. Write the verbs in brackets in the right tense. All of them must be in the **passive**.

e.g.: We \_\_\_\_\_ (offer) the job, but we refused.

*We were offered the job, but we refused.*

- a. The children \_\_\_\_\_ (take) to the zoo next week.
- b. She \_\_\_\_\_ (wake) by a strange noise, but she didn't get up.
- c. My house \_\_\_\_\_ (build) in 1990.
- d. The supermarket \_\_\_\_\_ (open) last week.
- e. Today, the dog \_\_\_\_\_ (take) to the vet by his owner
- f. The exams \_\_\_\_\_ (mark) by the teacher this afternoon.
- g. "Don Quixote" \_\_\_\_\_ (write) by Cervantes.
- h. My keys \_\_\_\_\_ (find) in the street last Monday.
- i. The bank \_\_\_\_\_ (rob) this week.
- j. The robbers \_\_\_\_\_ (arrest) five hours later.

2. Rewrite these sentences in the **passive** or the **active voice**.

e.g.: She was shocked by the accident

*The accident shocked her.*

- a. My father will buy a new car next year.

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- b. The students were given 15 minutes for the test.

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- c. This restaurant is owned by English people.

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- d. The children were given some toys by their parents.

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- e. His girlfriend is going to buy him a car.

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- f. Tourists are paying a lot of money.

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- g. They built this house in 1900.

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- h. Parents always love their children.

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- i. The film was produced by Spielberg.

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j. Nobody told me the truth.

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3. Rewrite these sentences. Write a passive sentence instead of using “somebody”, “they” or “people”.

e.g.: Somebody asked me the way to the bus station.

*I was asked the way to the bus station.*

a. They cancelled our flight because of the storm.

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b. English people drink a lot of tea.

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c. Someone broke my cup.

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d. People warned us about pickpockets.

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e. In Mexico, they cook meat very hot.

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f. Somebody is building a hut in that hill.

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g. People often ask me where I buy my clothes.

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h. They have given me three tickets.

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i. Somebody is going to buy this house soon.

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j. They will arrest him sooner or later.

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4. Use the words in brackets to complete these sentences. Use the structure “to have something done”.

e.g.: We \_\_\_\_\_ (our house / paint) next summer.

*We are going to have our house painted next summer.*

a. I have lost my key. I'll have to \_\_\_\_\_ (another key / make).

b. Your hair is a mess. You should \_\_\_\_\_ (your hair / cut).

c. The floor is very dirty. Why don't you \_\_\_\_\_ (it / clean)?

d. My father's car is not working very well. He \_\_\_\_\_ (it / service) tomorrow.

e. Many young people today \_\_\_\_\_ (their nose / pierce).

- f. She has got a bad toothache. She \_\_\_\_\_ (it / remove) in a week.
- g. Summers are very hot in Spain. Many people \_\_\_\_\_  
(swimming pools / build) in their gardens.
- h. My office needs a change. I \_\_\_\_\_ (it / redecorate) in the spring.
- i. I \_\_\_\_\_ (my house / clean) once a week.
- j. They \_\_\_\_\_ (their computers / repair) today.

5. Arrange the words to form correct sentences

e.g.: by my birthday my cake was mother made.

My birthday cake was made by my mother.

- a. on the were lights by turned me  
\_\_\_\_\_
- b. she offered new a been has job  
\_\_\_\_\_
- c. book published be the will month next  
\_\_\_\_\_
- d. sister going interviewed is to be my  
\_\_\_\_\_
- e. students asked by the were headmaster the  
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- f. they given some by their were parents money  
\_\_\_\_\_
- g. has nobody told been  
\_\_\_\_\_
- h. we them have helped by been  
\_\_\_\_\_
- i. all by film the watched children was the  
\_\_\_\_\_
- j. the has sold house been  
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